

the example she set. Our celebration of her life here with us is going to be a special one.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO FRED GRIMSEY

• **Mr. BLUMENTHAL.** Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Fred Grimsey, in whose honor a beach in Waterford, CT, will be named Grimsey Beach on August 11, 2018. I have had the honor of seeing firsthand the many amazing accomplishments of Fred Grimsey over the past decade.

Mr. Grimsey is the founder and president of Save the River-Save the Hills, Inc., a nonprofit, grassroots environmental organization focused on preserving the health of the Niantic River Estuary, its watershed, and the natural beauty of the Oswegatchie Hills.

In 2003, Mr. Grimsey built a system to use his boat as a pump-out vessel. Relying on his personal funds for 2 years to keep what became the Pump-Out Program going, Mr. Grimsey has since secured grants from the DEEP and the towns of Waterford and East Lyme, CT, to maintain it. Just this year, over 16,000 gallons of sewerage were pumped from boats on the Niantic River, preventing a significant amount of pollution from being dumped in the river.

As director of the Pump-Out Program and president of Save the River-Save the Hills, Mr. Grimsey has worked long hours to improve the diversity and amount of aquatic life in the estuary, encourage safe recreation, and enhance economic growth of the Niantic River area. His determined dedication has helped lead to the designation of the river and the Long Island Sound as a Federal No Discharge Zone.

Mr. Grimsey's significant environmental efforts has extended Statewide, including serving on numerous committees centered on improving waterways in and around Connecticut.

Currently, Mr. Grimsey and Save the River-Save the Hills are working on a Unified Water Study with the Connecticut Fund for the Environment. The goal of the study is to encourage collaboration between multiple monitoring groups in order to measure the ecological health of a local bay, cove, or harbor.

Mr. Grimsey's positive impact upon the Niantic River has greatly benefitted our State. In 2008, he received the President's Volunteer Service Award for the State of Connecticut, and in 2017, I was proud to recognize his environmental achievements by presenting Mr. Grimsey with the Aquarion Environmental Champion Award in the adult category.

I applaud his tireless efforts to improve and protect the Niantic River, and I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. Grimsey on his well-earned honor.●

REMEMBERING DORIS IVY

• **Ms. DUCKWORTH.** Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Doris Ivy of Illinois. In 1991, Doris Ivy received a second chance at life after receiving a new kidney from a generous donor.

The way her family sees it, Doris was able to live an extra 27 years, thanks to that kidney transplant. She made the most out of those years. She was an active volunteer, an election judge, a talented cook, a choir singer, and a mother to nine children. On June 29, 2018, Doris passed away at the age of 85.

Her family members, which include Illinois' Secretary of State Jesse White, are thankful for those extra years. Due to Doris's successful transplant, they all became strong advocates for organ and tissue donations.

Doris is survived by her sister Cora, 6 of her 9 children, 12 of her 17 grandchildren, 39 of her 40 great-grandchildren, and 12 of her great-great-grandchildren. Her service to her community is remarkable, and her story inspiring. I stand here today to remember her life and applaud the generosity of all organ donors across America.●

REMEMBERING HELEN SHORES LEE

• **Mr. JONES.** Mr. President, it is my honor today to celebrate the life and service of Judge Helen Shores Lee of Alabama, who died on July 2, 2018. The daughter of respected civil rights attorney Arthur Shores, Judge Lee was a civil rights advocate and pioneer in her own right. She was the first African-American woman to serve as judge in the civil division of the circuit court in Jefferson County, AL, and she devoted her life to making sure that all people are cared for, concerned about, and spoken up for.

Helen Shores Lee lived a life of exemplary courage, dedication, and generosity, and I am fortunate to have known her. I am even more blessed to have called her my friend.

Helen developed courage as a young girl growing up in the Smithfield area of Birmingham. The Shores family home was on "Dynamite Hill," so named because of the dozens of unsolved bombings there during the civil rights struggles that convulsed the Birmingham area from the late 1940s to the 1960s. In the summer of 1963, Helen's own home was bombed twice, just weeks before a bomb exploded at the 16th Street Baptist Church nearby, killing four little girls who were her friends. Two years later, another bomb was discovered in the Shores' yard, but fortunately, that one was defused before it exploded. Despite the damage they caused and the terror they were intended to inspire, those bombs did not deter or displace the Shores family, nor did they dissuade the rest of the African-American community from the patient pursuit of equality.

Though her father was small in stature, Judge Lee described him as a

"giant in life." Helen used to tell a story about one time, when a car full of White men was driving around her neighborhood pointing a gun out the window. Frustrated and frightened, young Helen ran in the house and got a gun of her own. Her father followed her out onto the porch, took the gun from her hands, and taught her the importance of fighting "the right way."

Judge Lee's courage was bolstered by her faith, which she also learned from her father. Recalling the threats and the bombings, Judge Lee said, "It was our Christian faith that got us through this ordeal. My dad prayed constantly. We witnessed that." The Shores home was directly across the street from the First Congregational Church, where Shores was Sunday school superintendent, deacon, and trustee. Even at the end of his life, his daughters pushed him across Center Street in a wheelchair so he could get to church. Arthur Shores died in that house on Dynamite Hill, now an unofficial landmark of the civil rights movement.

With her sister Barbara and author Denise George, in 2012, Judge Lee published "The Gentle Giant of Dynamite Hill," a biography of her father that tells how Shores, a former high school principal, became one of the Nation's top civil rights attorneys. Shores handled a number of high-profile cases, including representing Autherine Lucy, the first Black student to attend the University of Alabama. Shores also represented the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., when he was indicted for leading the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

From 1971 to 1987, Judge Lee worked as a clinical psychologist, serving her patients and the community with dedication and compassion. In 1986, she dedicated herself to a new kind of service, becoming a magistrate for the city of Birmingham. After graduating from the Cumberland School of Law in 1987, she joined her father to form Shores & Lee, where she practiced law until she was appointed circuit judge of the Tenth Judicial Court of Alabama and assumed the bench in January 2003. She was twice reelected by the citizens of Jefferson County. Although she retired in 2015, Judge Lee continued to give generously of her time and talent to a number of organizations.

Judge Lee's commitment to her community included serving as a member of the Alabama State Ethics Commission from 1996-2000 and as its chairwoman from 1999-2000. She also chaired the community advisory board of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Minority Health and Research Center, she was a trustee for Leadership Birmingham, she was a member of the Cumberland School of Law advisory board, and she served on the boards of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, Campfire, Inc., the Civil Rights Institute, the Young Women's Christian Association, and many more. In 2013, the Young Women's Christian Association of Central Alabama honored Judge Lee with the Jeana P.